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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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DECISION GRANTING
STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

In re Application of
Yasmin Wadia and Scott Alan Prah
Application No. 09/686,594
Filed: October 6, 2000
Title of Invention: BIOCOMPATIBLE
ALBUMIN LAMINA AND METHOD

This is a decision on the Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 23, 2001, to proceed with the above-identified patent application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the declaration after being presented with the above-identified application and declaration. Specifically, Petitioner established that the non-signing inventor, Yasmin Wadia, refuses to sign the Declaration after having been presented with a complete copy of the application, including the Declaration of Inventors, Assignment and Power of Attorney, in the above-identified application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor and her counsel at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014.

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